

Exhibit 16

On the outside of the absorbent pad there may be a backing member 16, which may cover the absorbent pad. Further details of the construction and composition of such products are disclosed in co-pending United States patent applications filed on December 18, 1998 in the names of Datta et al., titled "Refastenable and Adjustable Pant" (serial number 09/215,866) and in the names of Fell et al., titled "Stretchable Composite Material Having Continuous Gathers" (serial number 09/215,951), which are assigned to Kimberly-Clark Corporation, and the disclosures of which are both incorporated herein by reference. In another example of the pant, the elastic side panels may be a single elastic panel that extends across the entire back of the product. A product is provided having a general configuration of the type shown in Figure 3. In this example, the elastic panels are joined together to form a single elastic panel 111 attached to the chassis. This single panel can be viewed as having two portions, a left and a right divided along the center line of the pant.

In use, the pant is positioned on the user and fastened by securing the closure devices 8 and 9 to the front fastening panel 51, as is shown in Figure 2. When the pant has been soiled, it is removed from the user and it can be folded into a convenient pouch by folding or rolling the front side 2 towards the back and by also folding or rolling one of the elastic side panels in. The remaining elastic side panel is then wide enough and has sufficient elasticity to encircle the entire rolled up configuration and close onto itself creating a convenient pouch for disposal. Because of the width of the elastic panel, it will impart elastic properties to the pouch. Moreover, the use of a single elastic panel to encircle the product making a pouch increases the ease of handling the product for disposal purposes. It creates a discrete package for disposal. Also, if the elastic panel has pleats or other structure, it provides better grip making the pouch easier to handle.